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1. Finow Airfield is being used by the Soviet Air Force in East Germany exclusively for jet fighters and the extensive shop facilities and hangers adjacent to the field are the principal point within East Germany for repair and maintenance of all SAF jet fighters based in East Germany. The motor highway leading from just east of Biesenthal to Finow (see map supplement) has been closed to all non-official traffic since early 1956 and the entire restricted area as sketched on the map supplement is patrolled by Soviet military personnel only.
2. The main jet fuel dump of the SAF in East Germany is located in a thickly wooded and very heavily guarded area adjacent to the main rail line connecting Berlin and Eberswalde, between Biesenthal and Melchow (see map supplement). The dump is served by a rail spur veering off into the restricted area at a point along the main rail line approximately 500 meters north of Bahnhof Biesenthal. [redacted] the storage tanks had enormous capacity, [redacted] their outer shells were constructed of reinforced concrete (Eisenbeton) and [redacted] they were underground. "Several trainloads" of fuel are brought in each week.
3. Attached is a map photograph with the installations described above sketched in.

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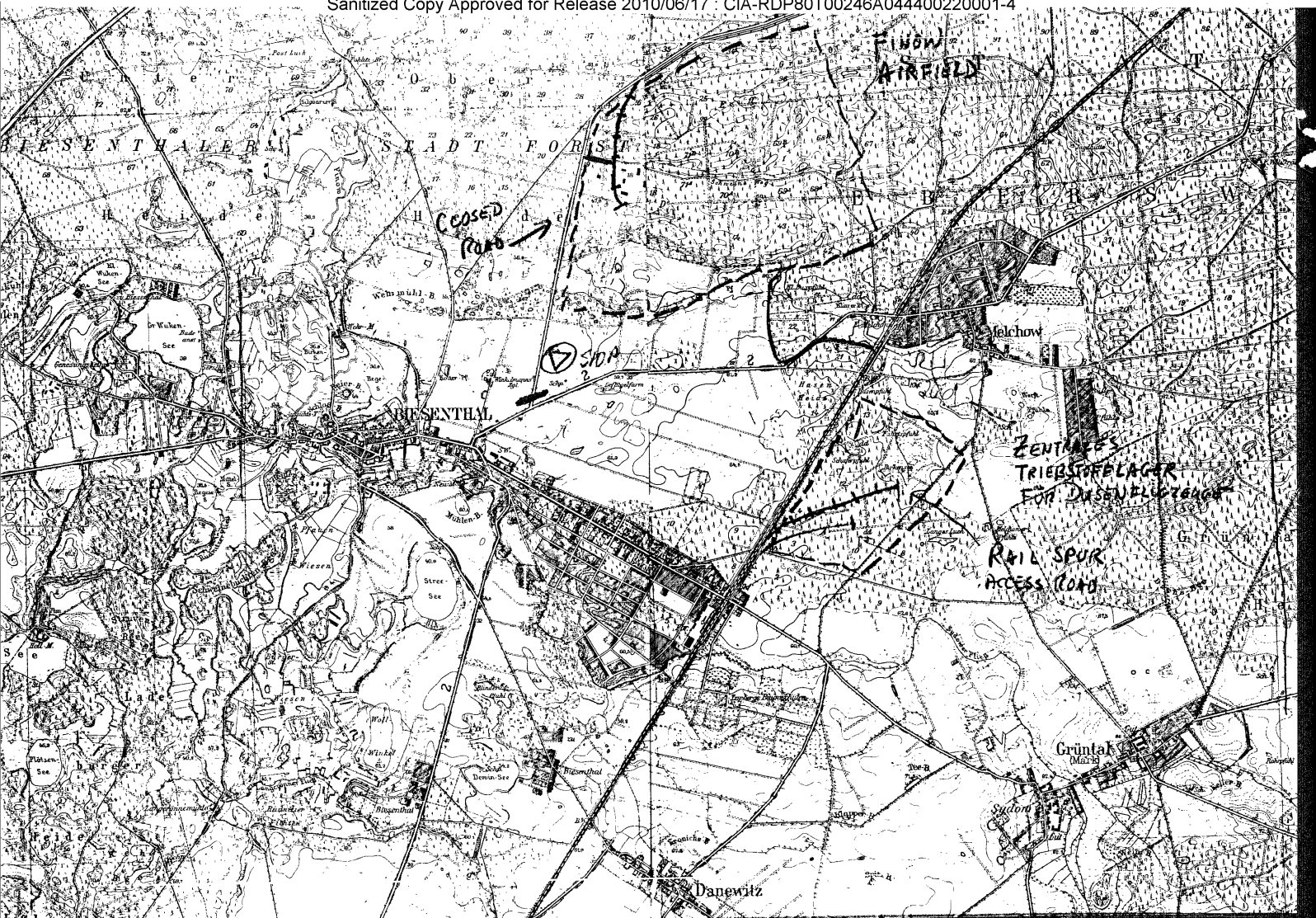
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